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Appln. of: Bjarne L. Christensen et al.

Appln. No.: 10

10/536,535

Filed: May 26, 2005

For:

Sir:

A CONNECTING PIECE FOR A TUBING

Attorney Docket No:

12706-21

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STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants filed the above-identified application on May 26, 2005, but have received neither an official Filing Receipt nor a Notice to File Missing Parts. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when an official Filing Receipt and a Notice to File Missing Parts are expected to issue on this application.

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